

ARTICLES
To be enquired of, by the
Church-VVardens, and

Sworne-men, in the Visitation of
the Right Worshipfull, the Archdea-

con of SURREY, to the County of
Surrey, to the Archdeaconry of



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*The tenour of the Oath of the Church-
wardens and Sworne-men.*

You shall sweare, that vpon due consideration of these Articles giuen you in charge, you shall present euery such person of or within your Parish, as you shall know to haue committed any offence, or omitted any duty mentioned in any of these Articles, or which are publikely defamed, or vehemently suspected of any such offence or negligence: So helpe you God, by contents of his holy Gospell.





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Touching the Church.

1 Whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chancell thereto, and every part of either of them, well and sufficiently repaired, glazed, paved, or any thing noysome or unseemely?

2 Whether is your Church-yard well fenced, as hath bene accustomed? if not, whose default is it?

3 Whether hath there bene any fighting, chiding, brawling, or quarrelling in your Church or Church-yard: and by whom?

4 Whether is the mansion house of your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, with all the building thereunto belonging, and Church-house sufficiently repaired, maintained, and to their right uses, employed?

5 Whether have you in your Church the Bible in the largest Volume, the booke of common prayer lately authorized by his maiestie, the booke of Homilies allowed, the two Psalters, a convenient Pulpit for the Preaching, a decent seat for the Minister to say Service in, conveniently placed, a strong chest with an hole in the lid, & thre lockes and keyes, one for the Minister, the other for the Church-wardens, for the Lmes of the poore, & the keeping the Register booke of the Christenings, Marriages and burials?

6 Whether have you in your Church a Font of stone for Baptisme, set in the ancient vsuall place, a decent Table for the Communion conveniently placed, couered with silke or other decent drapery in time of divine Service, and with a faire Linnen cloth ouer that, at the administration of the Communion?

7 Whether have you all such Bells, ornaments, and other vtenstials as have anciently beloged unto your Church: a Communion cup of Silver with a cover; a faire standing pot or stoope of Silver or Pewter for the Wine vpon the Communion Table, a comely surplesse with large sleeves, a Register book

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booke of parchment for Christenings, Marriages, & Burials, a booke for the names of all strange Preachers, subscribed with their names, & the names of the Bishop or others by whom they haue Licence?

8 Whether are weekly the names and surnames of all persons maried, christened, and buried, and of their parents, with the day and yeare, entered into your said parchment booke, and every lease being full, subscribed by you the Ministers and Church-wardens?

9 Whether are all your seats in your Church in good repaire, cleanly kept, conveniently placed, & the parishioners in them, or else where orderly set, & is ther any contention or stryuing for any seat or place amongst them?

10 Whether in any of your Churches the partition betwene the Chancell and the body of the Church, be taken away? And how long since, and by whom? haue you a Terrier of all the gleabland, and other appurtenances belonging to your Church?

Touching the Ministerie, service, and Sacraments.

Wether is the whole Common pzaier said or sung by your Minister both morning and euening, distinctly and reverently every Sunday and holyday, and on their Tues, and at convenient & vsuall times of those dayes and in most convenient place of the Church, for the edifying of the people?

2 Whether doth your Minister obserue the orders, rytes, and ceremonies prescribed in the booke of Common prayer, in reading the holy Scriptures, sayers, and administration of the Sacraments, without diminishing in regard of pzeaching, or any other respect, or adding any thing in the matter or forme thereof? doth he baptize in any basin or other vessel, and not in the ordinary Font?

3 Whether doth your Minister on Wednesdays and Frydayes, not being holydayes, at the accustomed houres of service, resort to the Church; and say the Letany prescribed, & doth your Clarke or Sermon giue warning before, by tolling of a bell on those dayes?

4 Whether doth your Minister, as oft, as he administreth the Communion weare the Surplice & first receiue it himselfe? whether doth he use any bread or wine newly brought, before the words of institution be rehearsed, and the bread and wine present on the table? whether doth he deliver the bread and wine to every communicant severally?

5 Whether doth your Minister giue warning publckely in the Church at morning prayer, the Sunday before he administreth the Communion for the better preparation of the Parishioners?

6 Whether hath your Minister admitted to the Communion any notorious

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rious fitter openly knowne or despised, or any who hath openly and maliciously contended with his neighbor, before repentance and reconciliation made and done by appointment of the Ordinary?

7 Whether hath your Minister admitted to the Communion any Church-warden or Sideman, who hath willingly and willingly neglected (contrary to his oþ) to present any publike offence or scandal, being moued to present either by some of his neighbours, the Minister, or his Ordinary?

8 Whether hath your Minister administered the Communion to any but such as kneele, or doe any refuse to kneele: hath he administered to any who refuse to be present at publike Prayer: or is there any who hath depraved the Book of common Prayer, administration of the Sacraments, or the Rites and Ceremonies prescribed, or the Articles of Religion agreed upon anno Dom. 1562. or the booke of ordering Priests and Bishops: or spoken against his Maiesties Supremacie: or haue any bene for these causes repelled, and what be their names?

9 Whether hath your Minister more Benefices then one: if he haue, how farre distant are they; how often is he absent in the yeare: when he is absent, hath he an allowed Preacher for his Curate?

10 Whether is your Minister and allowed Preacher: if he be, doth he every Sunday in your Church, or some other neare adioyning where no Preacher is, preach one Sermon every Sunday?

11 Whether doth your Minister being no Preacher allowed presume to expound the Scripture in his owne Cure, or elsewhere: doth he procure every Moneth a Sermon to be preached in his Cure by preachers lawfully licensed, and on every Sunday when there is no Sermon, doth he or his Curate read some one of the Homilies prescribed?

12 Whether is your Curate allowed by the Ordinary vnder his hand and seale, to serue in your Cure, and whether doth he serue two Churches or Chappells in one day?

13 Whether doth your Minister in saying the publike prayers & blusly administering the Sacraments, weare a decent Surpesse with sleeves: and being Graduate, doth he weare therewith a hood by the order of the Universities, agreeable to his degrée?

14 Whether hath your Minister or any other Preacher in your Church, preached any thing to confute or impugne any doctrine delinered by any other Preacher, and hath he and they used the prayer for Christes Catholike Church, as is prescribed by the Canon?

15 Whether hath or doth any preach in your Church which refuseth to conforme himselfe to the Lawes, Rites and Ordinances established, or

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which hath not first shewed a sufficient Licence?

16 Whether doth your Minister in his Sermons fourt times in the yeare at the least, teach and declare the Kings Maiesties power within his Realmes to be the highest power vnder God, to whom, all within the same owe most loyalty & obedience, & that al sozaine power is justly taken awaye

17 Whether doth your Minister every Sunday and Holyday halfe an hourre before Euening prayer or more, examine and instruct the youth in the ten Commandements, the Belefe, the Lords Prayer, and the Catechisme set forth in the booke of Common Prayer?

18 Whether hath your Minister married any which haue not bee ne thrē severall Sundayes or holydayes asked in your Church in the time of Divine seruice, without Licence? and hath he without Licence, married any, or with any Licence but onely from the Lord Archbisshop of Canterbury, the Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chancellour?

19 Whether hath your Minister either with Licence or without, married any at other times then betwene the houres of Eight and Twelue in the sozonoone, or in any private house, or before their Parents or Gouernours (the parties being vnder the age of 21. yeares) haue testified their consents?

20 Whether doth your Minister declare to the people euery Sunday at the time appointed, what holydayes and fasting dayes be the wike following: doth he being a Preacher conserue with all Recusants, and persons excommunicate or suspended in his parish: being no Preacher, doth he procure a sufficient Preacher to reclame them thereby?

21 Whether doth your Minister keepe a note of all persons excommunicate, and once every six monthe doth he denounce them which haue not obtained their absolution, on some Sunday in seruice time, that others may be admonished to restraine their company?

22 Whether doth your Minister having notice given him diligently visit the sicke (the Disease not being infectious) doth he instruct and comfort them, doth he then moone them to make their Testaments, and remember the poore, and other workes of charity?

23 Whether hath your Minister refused to baptize any childe brought to the Church vpon any Sunday or Holyday, or to bury any corps brought into the Church or Churchyard, or to Church any woman, hauing had convenient warning thereof?

24 Whether hath your Minister, being truly informed of the danger of death of any infant unbaptized, and being desired to goe to the place where the child is, to baptize it, neglected to goe, by meanes whereof the childe died unbaptized?

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25 Whether doth your Minister at any time preach or administer the Communion in any private house, or church any women except when any are so impotent that they cannot goe to Church, or are very dangerously sick, where and how often hath he so done?

26 Whether hath your Minister held or appointed any publike fast, or beene present at any? doth he or any other person in your Parish hold any Lecture or exercise, without the Licence of the Bishop, vnder his hand or seale, or attempt by fasting, or other wise to cast out any devils?

27 Whether hath there been any secret conuenticles or meetings in your Parish, by any Priest, Minister, or others, tending to the depraving of the forme of Prayer, Doctrine, or the government of the Church?

28 Whether doth your Minister in his journey, weare a cloake with sleeves, called a Priest's cloake?

29 Whether doth your Minister resort to any Tavernes or Alehouses, or doth he boord or lodge in any such place: or doth vse any base or servile labour, drinking, riot, dice, cards, tables, or any other unlawfull games: Is he contentious, a hunter, hawker, dancer, swearer, suspected of any inconsistency, or hath given any euill example of life?

30 Whether is there in your Parish any Minister or Deacon, who hath forsworne his calling, vsing himselfe in his course of life as a Gentleman or other Lay man: Or any that is not in holy Orders, read Common prayer or vse any ministeriall duty in your Church or Chappell?

Touching Schoolemasters.

VWhether haue you in your Parish any Schoole-master, who teacheth either in publike Schoole, or private house, is he of sound religion, or doth he give any euill example of life: is he allowed by the Ordinari? or doth your Minister or Curate teach and is he allowed in like maner?

2 Whether doth your Minister or Schoolemaster who teacheth, teach the Catechisme by authority set forth?

Touching the Parish Clarke, and Sexton.

WWhether haue you a Parish Clarke sufficient for his place, of the age of 20 years at the least: is he of honest conversation, can he reade, write, and sing: is he diligent in his office, and serviceable to his Minister, and not given to ouermuch drinke, or any other vice: is he chosen by the Parson or Vicar, doth he take vpon him his Clarkeship before he hath taken the Oath of Supremacy before the Lord Bishop, or his Commissary?

2 Whether doth your Clarke meddle with any thing above his office,

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as churching of women, burying of the dead, reading of prayers, or the like?

3 Whether doth your Clarke or Sexton keepe your Church cleane, the doores fast locked, is any thing by his default lost or spoiled in the Church, doth he suffer any unseasonable ringing, or any prophane exercise in your Church?

4 Whether doth your Clarke or Sexton, when any is passing out of this life, neglect to toll a Bell, having notice thereof, or the party being dead, doth he suffer any moze then one short peale, and before his buriall one, and after the same another?

5 Whether doth any in your Parish refuse to pay unto the parish Clarke or Sexton, such wages as are unto them due, and haue beene accustomably payed?

Touching Parishioners.

VV Whether hath any in your Parish spoken against or any way impugned the Kings Maiesties Supremacy in caules Ecclesiastical, the truth and doctrine of the Church of England, the forme of Gods worship contained in the Booke of Common prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments?

2 Whether hath any in your parish spoken against or impugned the rites & ceremonyes established in the Church, the government by Archbishops, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, and others that beare office in the same?

3 Whether any haue in your parish spoken against or impugned the forme of making & consecrating Bishops, Priestes or Deacons, or haue any separated themselves from the society of the congregation, & combined in a new Fraternity, or depreaued the Synod lately held by the Kings authority?

4 Whether doth any in your Parish profane, violate, or misspend the Sunday or holyday, or any part of them, vsing any offensive conuersation, or worldly labour in those dayes?

5 Whether haue any in your Parish in the time of Divine Service, covered his head, albeit he hath no infirmity, in which case a cap or night-coufle is allowed: or is there any who hath not reverently knesled when the generall confession, Letany, or other prayers are read, and which doe not stand vp at the saying of the Beleefe?

6 Whether hath any in your Parish disturbed the Service or Sermon by walking, talking, or any other way, or departed out of the Church during the Service or Sermon, without some urgent cause, or loitered about the Church or Church-porch?

7 Whether doe all Parishioners receive the holy Communion thrice every

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every yeare at the least, whered of the feast of Easter to be one, & haue all be-
ing of the age of vij. yeares duly received, or not?

8 Whether hath any parent haue vrged to be present, or admitted to
answer as Godfather for his owne childe, or hath any Godfather or God-
mother made any other answer or speach then is prescribed by the Booke, or
haue any been admitted for such a baptisme, who haue not first received the
Communion, doe anie keape their childe ren longer then is convenient?

9 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses, come &
cause their childe ren, seruants and Aprentices to come duely to the Church,
and according to the Ministers directions to be instructed or catechized?

10 Whether haue any persons maried together within the degrees of
consanguinitie or affinitie prohibited, set forth in a Table, appointed to be
placed in euerie Church?

11 Whether haue any persons once lawfully maried, forsaken each o-
ther, or doe liue alunder without the authoritie of the Ordinarie, or doe any
being diuorced or separated, marry againe the former wife or husband yet
liuing?

12 Whether haue any bēne maried in the times wherein mariage is by
law restrained, without lawfull Licence v.iz. frō the Saturday next before
Aduent Sunday, until the fourteenth of Januarie: and from the Saturday
next before Septuagesima Sunday, untill the Sunday next after Low
Sunday: and from the Sunday next before the Rogation weeke, untill
Trinity Sunday?

13 Whether haue any in your Parish unreverently vsed your Minister,
or haue any laid violent hands vpon him, or disgraced his office and calling
by word or deed?

14 Whether haue you in your Parish any dweller or sojourner, who is
a maintainer of popish Doctrine or suspected to keape schismatical bookes,
or to favour any heresie or error?

15 Whether haue you any common resorcers unto your Church, which
are not of your parish, or doe any such haire diuine seruice, and receive the
Communion amcngst you: what be their names, and of what parish are
they?

16 Whether haue any in time of diuine Service, vpon sundays or holi-
days, opened their shoppes, exercised their trade, vsed any gaming, bēne in
Taverne or Alehouse, or otherwise employed?

17 Whether a e there in your Parish by common fame and report, any
Adulterers, Fornicators, Incestuous persons, Lawdes, receivers, close
fauourers, coueyours awaie, or which suffer to depart any incontinent per-

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sons unpunished, and blasphemers, common swearer, drunkards, ribbands, blusters, malicious slanderers, scolds, or solvers of discord, or any defamed of the said crimes?

18 Whether doe any in your Parish administer the goods of the dead without authority, or supprese their will and testament?

19 Whether doe any refuse to pay to the reparations, ornaments, and other things required in your Church, as they are indifferently settled, or any other dwelling out of your parish, which hold land in your parish?

20 Whether hath any person excommunicated, beene suffered to heare divine Service or Sermon, to receiue the Sacraments, to be married or churched, or haue any excommunicate been buried in Christian buriall: doe any frequent their company, who be they?

21 Whether hath any in your parish beene christened, churched, buried, or receiued the Communion, or beene married out of your Church without licence both parties dwelling in your parish?

22 Whether haue all women in your Parish delivered of child, come at convenient time after to Church to give thankes, and haue they beene churched according to the booke of common prayere?

23 Whether hath the perambulation of the circuit of the parish beene obserued once every yere: if not whose fault is it?

24 Whether haue any in your parish givene the church-wardens, or Sidesmen, or any of them, swill-wards, for doing their duty according to their oath and conscience?

Touching Church-wardens and Sworne-men.

VWhether doe any in your Parish take upon them to be Church-warden or Side-man, which are not lawfully chosen by the Minister and parishioners according to the canon, or doe any continuall that office longer then one yere, except he be chosen againe, and are all such officers chosen yearly in Easter weeke?

25 Whether doe your Church-wardens within one moneth at anolt, as for their yere ended, before the Minister and parishioners, give vp a full account of all such money, and other things, as they haue received, and be-lieved: haue they delivered all remaining in their hands belonging to the Church or parish, by bill indented, to the next Churchwarden?

26 Whether haue the Church-wardens, with the aduise of the Minister from time to time prouided a sufficient quantity of bread whyle bread, and wassome wine for the number of Communionants?

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4 Whether doe the Church-wardens and Side-men before every Visitation and at other times, when there is just occasion, meet and confer about their presentments, and the answering of their Articles: and who hath (after notice given him of the time and place) carelessly absented himself?

5 Whether the forfeiture of twelve pence for absence from Church, appointed by Statute for the use of the poore, be taken & leauied by the church-wardens, and employed according to the said Statute: and whether is the same forfeiture taken of all persons which stand wilfully suspended or excommunicated?

6 Whether haue any Church-wardens lost, sold, or detained any goods, Dynaments, Bells, Rents, or implements of the Church?

7 Whether doe the Church-wardens and Side-men, suffer any to say divine Service, or preach, being not lawfully allowed: & doe they, about the middest of Divine Service, usually walke out of the Church, and see who are abroad in any Alehouse, or elsewhere absent, or evill employed, and whether haue they presented all such to the Ordinary?

8 Whether doe you know or haue heard a fame of any offences committed, or duty omitted by any of your parity, before your time, and heretofore not presented to the Ordinary, or as yet not reformed, and whether haue you presented the same?

9 Whether hath any part of your Church been lately altered, new built, or any addition made therunto, the wals pulled downe, new doores made into the Church, or any sollaries built there by any, without allowance of the Ordinary?

10 Whether is any part of your Church employed to any prophanes use, is your Church-porch, Church-walls, and Church-yard, cleanly kept without any annoyance, in whose default is such annoyance?

11 Finally, doe you know of any matter or cause, which is a branch of the lawes Ecclesiasticall, here not expressed?

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